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SUBJ: APPRECIATION FOR KAL AIRLINE INCIDENT

- 1. FONMIN PARK CALLED ME PERSONALLY MAY 1 TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT PARK AND ROKG KOREAN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR US ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN RELEASE OF CAPTAIN AND NAVIGATOR OF KAL AIRPLANE SHOT DOWN IN SOVIET UNION. HE PARTICULARLY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF EMBASSY MOSCOW AND CONGEN LENINGRAD.
- 2. FONMIN AT SAME TIME EXPRESSED REGRET REGARDING PREMATURE PRESS REPORTS REGARDING RELEASE OF PILOT AND NAVIGATOR. HE RECOGNIZED EMBARRASSMENT TO EMBASSY MOSCOW AS A RESULT OF THESE PRESS REPORTS. HE SAID THAT SOURCE OF LEAK HAS BEEN LOCATED AND IS BEING REPRIMANDED. HE INDICATED PRIVATELY AND WITH SOME RELIEF THAT LEAK CAME FROM PRIMIN'S OFFICE RATHER THAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE THOUGHT LESSON HAD BEEN LEARNED WHICH WOULD BE USEFULLY APPLIED IN FUTURE. EMBASSY CERTAINLY HOPES SO.

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3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM WIDE VARIETY OF SOURCES A CONSTANT STREAM OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO KAL AIRLINER AND COMMON VIEW THAT US PRESTIGE MUCH RESTORED BY THESE ACTIONS. SNEIDER

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